-- LPG to be made available for all households.

- Unleaded-low lead petrol to be made available in the Trapezium

– Preferential allocation of LPG to be made for industries.

Low sulphur diesel for transport to be made available.

- - Intensification of environment management to be made by the Mathura Refinery.

Natural gas to be made available for industries.

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) to be made available for vehicles.

**Extinction of Tibetan Antelopes**

7944. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tibetan antelopes are among the highly endangered species;

(b) whether it is a also a fact that illicit trade in antelope wool abounds and thousands of animals have been killed in recent years for their wool; and

(c) if so, what steps, if any, have been taken by Government to protect the Tibetan antelope and prevent its imminent extinction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some cases of illegal trade in articles made out of wool, obtained from the Tibetan antelope have come to notice. However, the population of the Tibetan antelope which occurs in India only in the north-eastern part of Ladakh is estimated at around 200 animals. There are no reports of this animal being killed in India. This species is found mainly in Tibet.

(c) The Tibetan antelope has been provided complete legal protection against hunting and trade under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The species is also included in Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) which prohibits international trade in the Tibetan antelope and its parts and derivatives. Raids are being carried out by the Wildlife authorities whenever information on illegal trade of articles made out of Tibetan antelope wool is received. The Wildlife Authorities, Jammu & Kashmir have been advised to ensure that no killing of the Tibetan antelope takes place and that the animal is provided the fullest protection.

**Depletion of Bamboo Forests in Western Ghats**

7945. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the depletion and destruction of bamboo forests in the Western Ghats is leading to an overall depletion of biodiversity in the area;

(b) whether various species of butterflies, which indicate environmental change, are now on the verge of extinction. and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to rectify the situation and save he region from irreparable invironmental degradation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a